

National Recreation and Preservation/Statutory or Contractual Aid for Other Activities

JUSTIFICATION OF PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE

Activity: Statutory or Contractual Aid for Other Activities
Subactivity: National Constitution Center

Program Component	1999 Estimate	Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	2000 Budget Request	Change From 1999 (+/-)
National Constitution Center	500	0	0	500	0
Total Requirements \$(000)	500	0	0	500	0

AUTHORIZATION

Public Law 100-433, the Constitution Heritage Act, 1988.

OVERVIEW

To enable NPS operational support of the **National Constitution Center** to promote the study of the Constitution and support of a national center that serves as a resource for academic research.

APPLICABLE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE MISSION GOALS

- Ia Natural and cultural resources and associated values are protected, restored and maintained in good condition and managed within their broader ecosystem and cultural context.
- Ib The National Park Service contributes to knowledge about natural and cultural resources and associated values; management decisions about resources and visitors are based on adequate scholarly and scientific information.
- IIa Visitors safely enjoy and are satisfied with the availability, accessibility, diversity, and quality of park facilities, services, and appropriate recreational opportunities.
- IIb Park visitors and the general public understand and appreciate the preservation of parks and their resources for this and future generations.
- IIIa Natural and cultural resources are conserved through formal partnership programs.
- IIIb Through partnerships with other Federal, State, and local agencies and nonprofit organizations, a nationwide system of parks, open space, rivers, and trails provides educational, recreational, and conservation benefits for the American people.

***National Constitution Center
FY 1999 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments***

Enacted: \$500,000

Public Law 100-433, dated September 16, 1988, authorized the National Park Service to provide Federal financial assistance to the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in a 50-50 matching grant for operating expenses to support the mission of the center as stated in the act. The National Constitution Center is a nonpartisan organization founded to engage Americans in the story of the Constitution and how it affects our daily lives. The benefits of the center are in the promotion of nonpartisan awareness, understanding and appreciation for our Constitution, and better citizenship. The center serves as a repository of exhibits and related materials on the history of the Constitution and directs a national program of public education, awareness and understanding of the Constitution for the American people.

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In FY 1999, the NPS supported the addition of \$264,000 to the amount provided to the center to be used for planning related to a new visitor facility.

An additional \$20.0 million was provided in FY 1999 for design, engineering and construction of a new facility, including \$10.0 million within the NPS Construction appropriation and \$10.0 million within the Institute of Museum and Library Services appropriation.

Federal support of the center is proposed to remain unchanged in FY 2000.